



At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:9-11

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:1

## THIS GENERATION'S TEMPTATIONS

- **YOU'RE TEMPTED TO FEEL ENTITLED.**
- **YOU'RE TEMPTED TO DEFINE TRUTH AS YOU SEE IT.**
- **YOU'RE TEMPTED TO POSTPONE ADULTHOOD.**

## THIS GENERATION'S GREATEST STRENGTH

- **YOU ARE THE MOST CAUSE DRIVEN, MISSION MINDED GENERATION IN MODERN HISTORY.**

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for all the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.* 1 Timothy 4:12

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.* 1 Peter 2:9-10

## TALK IT OVER

1. What impressions do you have of the generation that is in their twenties and teens?
2. What are some things you could do to influence the next generation spiritually? What steps will you take to step into your role?
3. No matter what your age, what excuses do you need to get rid of to become more active in reaching the next generation for Christ?

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# TALK IT OVER

## I BELIEVE IN YOU THE NEXT GENERATION - WEEK 1

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- Who is someone that believed in you and encouraged you while you were growing up? How did their belief in you shape you into who you are today?

With your Bible or YouVersion, read Mark 1:9-20.

This passage shows God's approval of His son Jesus and offers us a great example of mentorship as Jesus called 12 unlikely men to become His disciples and do life together with Him.

- What things can you learn about influencing others by the example Christ gave us in the way He called His disciples and in how He interacted with others?
- Describe a time when someone took a chance on you. How did you grow from that opportunity?
- Who are some of the people that are currently influencing you in a positive way? How is their influence impacting your life?
- Why do think this generation struggles so much with such temptations as a sense of entitlement and arrogance towards the truth?

Read 1 Timothy 4:9-16 and 1 Peter 2:9-10.

These passages empower us to influence and impact others for Christ no matter what our age is because of the fact that even young believers are the church.

- Who is someone that you are currently influencing or mentoring? What does that relationship look like?
- What are some of the things holding you back from being the type of example God desires you to be? How will you overcome these things?
- What individual or group of people is God calling you to influence in a positive way? What next step do you need to take to carry out that calling?

## NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week that will help you become the type of positive influence on others that God has called you to be:

Identify the person or people that you feel God has called you to influence. Take your next step in beginning that process. For example, if you feel called to influence teenagers, consider volunteering with our church youth ministry as your first step. If you feel called to influence young adults, consider leading a LifeGroup.

One of the most important ways you can prepare yourself to expand your influence towards others is ensure you are being a positive influence in your most important relationships. This week examine those relationships with such people as your spouse, children, family, friends and co-workers and see where you can improve your influence in these relationships.

### Talk It Over with God:

- Thank God for those that have believed in you and influenced you positively throughout your life.
- Commit to God that you will remove those things in your life keeping you from being the type of influence He has called you to be.
- Ask God to expand your scope of influence to those that He desires you to impact.
- Ask God to help shape you into the type of mentor He wants you to be.
- Pray for those who currently influence you in a positive way. Ask God to bless them as they impact you.

On the next page you will find scripture cards that go along with this weekend's message. These are great to cut out and carry with you to remind you of God's word. The cards can be printed using Avery #32030 business cards or by simply printing them on regular cardstock and cutting them out by hand.



- **CULTURE SAYS SUCCESS IS RAISING WELL-ROUNDED, WELL-EDUCATED, HAPPY KIDS.**

*What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Matthew 16:26*

*Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come. Psalm 71:18*

- **WE ARE CALLED TO UNLEASH SINGLE-MINDED, CHRIST-CENTERED, BIBLICALLY ANCHORED, WORLD CHANGERS.**

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

## IMPARTING SPIRITUAL LIFE

1. **ENLIST SUPPORTING VOICES.**

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Deuteronomy 6:4*

2. **RAISE THE EXPECTATIONS.**

*Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:5*

*When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. 1 Corinthians 13:11*

3. **KEEP IT REAL.**

*Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:7-9*

*Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come. Psalm 71:18*

### Talk it over

1. Whether or not you're a parent, what specific role can you play to pass on our faith to the generations coming after you?
2. Who will you enlist to speak into your family? What steps will you need to take to establish those relationships?
3. What opportunities do you see within our church to help families impart spiritual life?

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# TALK IT OVER

## I BELIEVE IN YOU IMPARTING SPIRITUAL LIFE - WEEK 2

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- What was one of the most important things you learned from your parents while growing up?

With your Bible or YouVersion, read Matthew 16:24-28 and Psalm 71:17-18.

These passages encourage us not to be distracted by worldly culture so that we can be focused on training the next generation to be Christ-centered world-changers.

- What are some distractions in today's world that keep adults from training young people in the way God desires?
- Why is it so important for adults to guide and train children to be Christ-centered?
- What are some things that your parents did or did not do while you were growing up that helped shape you spiritually into the person you are today?

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 1 Corinthians 13:11-12.

These verses show us the best ways to impart spiritual life on the next generation.

- Who are some of the people that regularly speak biblical truth to you and your family? How have they impacted you and your family's spiritual life?
- Why is it important that adults enlist the help of others when training children to live a Christ-centered life?
- In what ways can you raise the expectations of your own spiritual life and in the lives of those that you influence?
- How can you strive to be more authentic in your relationship with Christ?
- What are some things you can do to become a stronger spiritual example to the people you currently influence?

## NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week that will help you impart spiritual life to those you influence:

If you are a parent or have children who you currently influence, take time to evaluate whether or not you are successfully imparting spiritual life to them in the three ways we learned from Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Identify the areas you struggle with and commit to improving them this week. If you need to enlist supporting voices, find out about the opportunities our church offers to create those relationships for your kids.

Children can easily spot a fake. Take time this week to examine where you are not being authentic when it comes to your relationship with Christ. Work towards being more authentic in all areas of your life. Some next steps to consider could be spending more time in prayer, more time reading your Bible and spending additional time with other believers.

### Talk It Over with God:

- Thank God for the people who have influenced you spiritually.
- Ask God to remove the distractions that are keeping you from being the spiritual example you should be.
- Ask God to send you people who will speak spiritual truth into you and your family.
- Commit to God that you will strive to be a better example to those who you regularly influence.
- Commit to God that you will be authentic in all areas of your life, especially in your relationship with Christ.



# Week 3 The Practical side of Mentoring

After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel. Judges 2:10

## SPIRITUAL FAMILY

- **YOU CAN HAVE OR BE A SPIRITUAL FATHER.**

15 Even though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. 16 Therefore I urge you to imitate me. 17 For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. 1 Cor 4:15-17

**guardians: paidagogos (pahee-dag-o-gos'); servant who take a child to school; a tutor, instructor.**

- **YOU CAN HAVE OR BE A SPIRITUAL MOTHER.**

Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live... 4 Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. Titus 2:3-5

## LET'S GET PRACTICAL

- **DEFINE WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR**

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## TIMOTHYS (SONS OR DAUGHTERS)

- **ASK QUESTIONS, LISTEN, TAKE NOTES.**

*The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:29-30*

- **PUT INTO PRACTICE WHAT YOU SEE.**

*Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice. Phil 4:9*

- **SHOW HONOR.**

*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Rom 12:10*

## PAULS (FATHERS OR MOTHERS)

- **BE AN EXAMPLE IN THE WAY YOU LIVE.**

*In everything set them an example by doing what is good. Titus 2:7*

- **TELL STORIES.**

*One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts...6 They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds. Ps 145:4, 6*

- **SHARE YOUR LIFE.**

*We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. 1 Thess 2:8*

## TALK IT OVER

1. Share examples of how others have been a spiritual mother or father to you.
2. What will you do to initiate Paul relationships? Who will you ask this week?
3. What will you do to develop Timothy relationships? Who can you influence?



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# TALK IT OVER

## I BELIEVE IN YOU THE PRACTICAL SIDE OF MENTORING - WEEK 3

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- Who is someone that you look up to and try to be more like? In what ways do you strive to be more like them?

With your Bible or YouVersion, read 1 Corinthians 4:15-17 and Titus 2:3-5.  
These passages emphasize the importance of having a spiritual family in our lives.

- How have spiritual mothers or fathers impacted your life and shaped who you are today?
- Why is it so important that we have a spiritual family?

Read Acts 16:29-30, Philippians 4:9, and Romans 12:10.  
These verses offer us a blueprint of what it looks like to be a Timothy (spiritual son or daughter).

- In what areas of your life do you feel the need to be a Timothy and have a Paul mentor you?
- Describe a time when you put into practice something you learned from a mentor. What did you learn from your experience?
- What are some ways you show honor to those who mentor and influence you?

Read Titus 2:7-8, Psalm 145:4-6 and 1 Thessalonians 2:8.  
These verses show us what it looks like to be a Paul (a spiritual mother or father) to another person.

- In what ways do you feel unqualified to be a Paul? How can you go about growing in those areas?
- What unique experiences have you had in your life that you feel would be beneficial in sharing with others?
- Who is God calling you to be Paul to? What will be your next step in beginning that relationship?

## NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week that will help you find a Paul to mentor you or to become a Paul to someone else:

If are you looking to be a Timothy and have a Paul mentor you in your life, begin your process by asking God to bring that Paul into your life. Next, identify the area of your life that you want a Paul to mentor you in. Finally, talk with those whom you look up to and feel would be good mentors such as a LifeGroup leader, teacher, friend, or a pastor.

Ready or not, someone needs you to be a Paul in their life! Begin the process by asking God to send you a Timothy. Discuss your desire with one of your mentors and gain their guidance on your next steps. Ask about opportunities to become a Paul at church such as leading a group of students, or serving with kids.

### Talk It Over with God:

- Thank God for the spiritual family He has placed in your life that have helped you grow spiritually.
- Confess those areas of your life to God where you feel unqualified to be a Paul. Ask God to strengthen those areas.
- Ask God to help prepare you to become a Paul to someone else. Ask Him to bring you Timothys.
- Ask God to continue bringing Pauls into your life that will mentor you and lead you spiritually.
- Commit to God that you will strive to develop deeper relationship with your spiritual family and allow them to speak truth into your life.



## Week 4 I Believe In You

**Dr. Samuel Chand**

### **Key Scripture:**

*According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.*

*For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. I Cor 3:10-11 (KJV)*

All verses are NIV unless otherwise noted.

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### **TALK IT OVER**

1. One of the greatest gifts you can give another human being is believing in them. Who believed in you?
2. 1 Corinthians 3:10-11 is Paul's version of mentoring and leaving a legacy. Are you doing that? How?
3. Leaders Discover, Develop, and Deploy. Who all are you doing that with?

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# TALK IT OVER

## I BELIEVE IN YOU DR. SAM CHAND - WEEK 4

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- One of the greatest gifts one human being can give to another is believing in them. Who are some of the people that have believed in you? How has their belief impacted you?

With your Bible or YouVersion, read 1 Corinthians 3:7-15.  
This passage shows Paul's version of mentoring and leaving a legacy.

- None of us have "come" to this point in life. We've all been brought. Who are the ones responsible for bringing you to the place you are today?
- Why do you think it can be a good idea to take a risk on someone?
- What are the differences between inheritance and legacy when it comes to influencing others?
- What are you currently doing to intentionally leave a legacy? What can you do to expand your efforts?
- Leaders discover, develop, and deploy. Who are you doing that with and how are you doing it?
- In what ways are you following Paul's version of mentoring and leaving a legacy like in 1 Corinthians 3:10-11?
- What do you want your legacy to be? Who will your legacy be?
- You can be a rain maker. How will you go about doing it?

## NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week to help you focus on the type of legacy you will leave when it comes to impacting others:

Dr. Chand emphasized the importance of honoring those that have brought you to the place you are today. This week do something to honor at least one of these people by saying thank you to them. It can be something as simple as a phone call, email, or letter. You could do something more elaborate such as giving them a gift or serving them in a special way. No matter what you do, be sure to let them know how they have influenced your life.

Dr. Chand encouraged us to also look to the future in terms of influencing and impacting the lives of others by discovering, developing and deploying them. Begin the process of doing one of those three things to at least one of the people that you currently mentor or influence. If you are not currently mentoring someone, use this as an opportunity to seek that person out.

### Talk It Over with God:

- Thank God for the people He has placed in your life that have brought you to the place you are today.
- Ask God to help you discover those people that He is calling you to influence.
- Commit to God that you will take a risk on someone that you feel has the potential to do great things.
- Ask God to help you be a rain maker and to continually put people in your life that you can impact and influence.
- Commit to God that you will strive to develop and eventually deploy those that you are currently mentoring.